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Education and Professional Experience:

I was awarded Fellowship of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (5 year program) in 2000, and was appointed staff specialist and Director of Emergency Medicine Training at Royal Brisbane Hospital (RBH) the following year. This role encompasses both clinical work and the development and delivery of education to emergency medicine trainees, interns and undergraduates.

Last year I undertook a sabbatical as the 2003 Stanford University Emergency Medicine International Visiting Scholar (as a Fulbright Scholar), studying educational delivery systems and experiencing clinical emergency medicine in the United States.

I have completed training as both participant and Instructor in Monash University's Emergency Crisis Resource Management Course, a simulation based experience.

I serve on a number of educational bodies including the RBH General Clinical Education Committee.

Scholarly Interest :

Key interest areas in medical education include:-

1. Training clinicians to be educators. We have developed a program delivered collaboratively with an educationalist, and have presented on this subject at a National Pre-Vocational Education Forum.
2. The use of practice audit as a learning tool. This work has recently been published in 'Emergency Medicine Australasia'.
3. Performance management for trainees. Using principles adapted from work done for my final year studies in Masters of Business Administration, I have improved the performance appraisal process for registrars and have introduced 360 degree evaluation for the consultant staff.
4. Medical Simulation. I am interested in this technology as an educational delivery method, and as a research tool. My current project - 'Human Patient Simulation technology can facilitate assessment of cognitive performance of emergency physicians' focuses on procedural cognitivism and errors.

Personal Background:

I was brought up in rural Queensland and raised to understand the importance of hard work and the need for a practical and pragmatic approach to the world. I enjoyed academic and sporting success at school and University. While at medical school I participated in many extracurricular activities including a year serving as the President of the Student Union. I have been fortunate to travel widely for both work and pleasure, including medical experience in Darwin, Thursday Island, South Africa and California. I find the challenges of clinical emergency medicine stimulating and feel fortunate to have chosen this as my career. I find relaxation in running, bushwalking, movies, and the company of my partner.